REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 21-221 are pending in this application, and currently stand rejected.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 21-221 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-54 of U.S. Patent No. 6,344,213. Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's rejection, applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Pat. No. 6,344,213 in order to advance prosecution of this application.

Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

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